Rigveda manuscripts in heritage list

†937. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO, an international organization, has included 30 manuscripts of Rigveda belonging to 1800 to 1900 B.C. era into its heritage list; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Mission for Manuscripts, under Ministry of Culture, had submitted the nomination of the Rigveda Manuscripts from Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune, for inclusion in the UNESCO's "Memory of the World" Register and 30 of these manuscripts have been included in the Register, 2007. The oldest of these 30 manuscripts dates back to 1464 AD. The programme of the Memory of the World has been started by UNESCO to honour significant landmarks in the documentary heritage and record them in this Register as world's inheritance.

Monuments in the memory of the martyrs of the first freedom movement of 1857

†938. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build a monument in the historical Red Fort in the memory of martyrs of the First Freedom Movement of 1857;

(b) if so, whether Government would declare all places in the country attached to this revolution as national heritage; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (b) There **is** no such proposal under consideration.

(c) Question does not arise.

Awareness of international day of non-violence

. 939. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any special scheme taken up by her Ministry to make the students aware of Gandhi Jayanti being declared by the United Nations as International Day of Non-Violence;

(b) if so, the time-frame being adopted; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, an autonomous organization fully

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